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## SBA Participates in 2015 WV Makes Festival

**HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA** – Join the U.S. Small Business Administration’s West Virginia District Office at the West Virginia Makes Festival. The event is hosted by a group of statewide partners, including SBA’s resource partner the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), at the Heritage Farm Museum and Village in Huntington October 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The free celebration event is open to the public. Organizers are looking for makers of all ages who integrate the inspired qualities of creativity, innovation, engineering, art, and science. Resources are available to makers looking to turn their ideas and products into a small business. SBA offers a resource table to anyone looking for information on how to start or grow a small business.

“This is a great event for makers to share their creations,” states Karen Friel, SBA’s West Virginia district director. “I hope makers take time to visit our table and learn more about how they can turn their passion into a small business.”

In addition to the Design Challenge, the festival features 3D Printing, special exhibits and attractions, local food vendors, live music and farm tours.

The event is sponsored by the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing (RCBI), Advantage Valley, Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, Education Alliance, City of Huntington, Heritage Farm Museum and Village, I-79 Development Council, Huntington Museum of Art, Marshall University, Superintendent of Cabell County Schools, the W.Va. Department of Education & the Arts, and the WV Small Business Development Center.

The event is at Heritage Farm Museum and Village, located at 3300 Harvey Rd., Huntington. Registration is free but required at [www.rcbi.org/15Makes](http://www.rcbi.org/15Makes).

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